

**SENATE RESOLUTION No. \_\_\_\_**

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DIGEST OF INTRODUCED RESOLUTION

A SENATE RESOLUTION to honor the 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of  
the Hillforest Victorian House Museum.

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MADAM PRESIDENT:

I offer the following resolution and move its adoption:

A SENATE RESOLUTION to honor the 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Hillforest Victorian House Museum.

*Whereas, the Hillforest mansion was built by Thomas Gaff in 1855, is located on 10 acres overlooking the Ohio River in Dearborn County;*

*Whereas, the distinctive two story mansion has a front porch that resembles a steamboat deck. In addition, the front room is made of tiger maple and mahogany, which would be extremely expensive to use for construction purposes today;*

*Whereas, Thomas Gaff's rise to wealth as an industrialist began in 1808, when he came from Scotland with his parents. In the 1840s, he helped establish and open a distillery in Aurora. When he died in 1884, the Hillforest mansion remained in the possession of the Gaff family;*

*Whereas, In time, the mansion became the headquarters of the Veterans of Foreign Wars. Then, when it came up for sale in 1955, a group of residents formed the Hillforest Historical Foundation to buy the house, maintain it and open*

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*it to the public;*

*Whereas, in 1992, this piece of southeastern Indiana  
architecture became a National Historic Landmark:  
Therefore,*

*Be it resolved by the Senate of the  
General Assembly of the State of Indiana:*

1 SECTION 1. That the Indiana State Senate honors the Hillforest  
2 Historical Foundation on the 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebration of the  
3 construction of the Hillforest Victorian House Museum.

4 SECTION 2. The Secretary of the Senate is hereby directed to  
5 transmit a copy of this Resolution to the Board of Directors of the  
6 Hillforest Historical Foundation.

